

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics**

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

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**Site Location:** The sites are located above timberline in rocky terrain just past the horse hitchracks. Follow the sign on the trail indicating the way to the campsites. There are no metal arrowheads on posts. Camps are to be established inside the rock rings. Since sites are located above timberline, be aware of the lightning danger and know what to do in case of a storm.

**Number of Sites:** 9 sites within rock rings

**Distance:** 6.0 mi.

**Privy:** YES

**Elevation:** 12,760 ft.

**Approx. Travel Time:** 5-8 hours

**Elevation Change:** 3,360 ft.

**Water Source:** Water is available from Boulder Brook which runs in between the boulders. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** Drive 9 miles south of Estes Park on CO Hwy 7. Follow the sign leading to the Longs Peak Ranger Station. A parking lot and the trailhead are at the end of this road. The TH is beside the Ranger Station.

